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	10/573,817	YOSHII ET AL.	
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Period for Reply

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Status

1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 28 March 2006.
 2a) This action is **FINAL**. 2b) This action is non-final.
 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4) Claim(s) 1-11 is/are pending in the application.
 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
 5) Claim(s) 2-10 is/are allowed.
 6) Claim(s) 1 and 11 is/are rejected.
 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
 10) The drawing(s) filed on 28 March 2006 is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1.) Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2.) Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3.) Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)	4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)	Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ .
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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 101

35 U.S.C. 101 reads as follows:

Whoever invents or discovers any new and useful process, machine, manufacture, or composition of matter, or any new and useful improvement thereof, may obtain a patent therefor, subject to the conditions and requirements of this title.

1. Claim(s) 11 is/are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101 as not falling within one of the four statutory categories of invention. While the claims recite a series of steps or acts to be performed, a statutory “process” under 35 U.S.C. 101 must (1) be tied to another statutory category (such as a particular apparatus), or (2) transform underlying subject matter (such as an article or material) to a different state or thing. The instant claims neither transform underlying subject matter nor positively tie to another statutory category that accomplishes the claimed method steps, and therefore do not qualify as a statutory process.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

2. Claims 1 and 11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over FIG. 2 admitted prior art in view of Yoshida et al. U.S. Patent 6,658,605 B1.

Regarding claim 1, in paragraphs [0006] – [0008], FIG. 2 admitted prior art discloses a multi-carrier transmission apparatus 10 includes mapping section 12 maps the transmission data on symbols on the IQ plane corresponding to a modulation scheme such as BPSK, QPSK, 16QAM and the like. Phase rotation section 13 rotates the phase of a mapped symbol by a predetermined angle. IQ separating section 14 separates the symbol with the phase rotated into the I component and Q component. In view of that, the combination of mapping section 12 and phase rotation section 13 perform equivalent function of the phase rotator claimed.

FIG. 2 admitted prior art further discloses the I and Q components both may be subjected to interleaving processing, i.e. two separate interleavers, see paragraph [0008].

FIG. 2 admitted prior art differs from the pending claim in that FIG. 2 admitted prior art does not disclose the interleavers perform interleaving processing a number of times as claimed.

As well known in the art of digital data transmission technology, interleaving is used in digital data transmission to protect the transmission against burst errors. Data is often transmitted with error control bits that enable the receiver to correct a certain number of errors that occur during transmission. If a burst error occurs, too many errors can be made in one code word, and that codeword cannot be correctly decoded. Hence, because performing interleaving a number of times would effect the length of burst errors, therefore, one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made

would have been motivated to performing interleaving on the I and Q components a number of times.

Regarding claim 11, claim is rejected on the same ground as for claim 1 because of similar scope.

Allowable Subject Matter

3. Claims 2-10 are allowed.

Conclusion

4. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Anikhindi et al. U.S. Patent 6,687,307 B1.

Hilton et al. U.S. Patent 6,185,594 B1.

Vummintala et al. U.S. Patent Application Publication No. US 2006/0008031 A1.

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to KHANH C. TRAN whose telephone number is (571)272-

3007. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday from 08:00 AM - 05:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Shuwang Liu can be reached on 571-272-3036. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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